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THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATION CENTER ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//SAAL-ZS//

SUBJECT:UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

REF: PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION, MILITARY COMBAT EYE PROTECTION SYSTEM (MCEP), MIL-PRF-ZZZZZ, 12 DEC 06

1. (U) THE SELF-SERVICE SUPPLY CENTER (SSSC) OUTLETS ARE CURENTLY STOCKING COMMERCIAL EYEWEAR THAT DOES NOT MEET THE ARMY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLISTIC PROTECTION.

2. (U) THE PYRAMEX VENTURE II, NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER 4240-01-500-6173, EYEWEAR DOES NOT MEET ARMY REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLISTIC PROTECTION. THE PYRAMEX VENTURE II IS NOT AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR DURING COMBAT, TRAINING, OR WHEN THERE IS A RISK OF IMPACT INJURY TO THE EYES.

3. (U) COMMANDERS AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND MUST EXPEDITIOUSLY TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

3.A. ENSURE ALL ARMY PERSONNEL/UNITS ARE WEARING ARMY APPROVED MILITAY COMBAT EYE PROTECTION DURING COMBAT, TRAINING, OR WHEN THERE IS A RISK OF IMPACT INJURY TO THE EYES.

3.B. ENSURE ALL UNIT REQUISITIONS FOR COMBAT EYE PROTECTION ARE FOR PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE ARMY STANDARD.

3.C. ENSURE ALL EYEWEAR ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMBAT EYE PROTECTION ARE ARMY APPROVED ITEMS

4. (U) REQUEST THAT SSSC'S TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

4.A. STOCK AND ISSUE ONLY ARMY APPROVED EYEWEAR PRODUCTS.

4.B. DISCONTINUE ISSUING OF ANY EYEWEAR TO ARMY PERSONNEL OR UNITS THAT IS NOT ARMY APPROVED.

5. (U) THE ONLY AUTHORIZED SUPPLY SOURCES FOR SAFETY ITEMS ARE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) SUPPLY SYSTEM AND THE APPROVED MILITARY COMBAT EYE PROTECTION SYSTEM (MCEP) SOLD AT THE AAFES MILITARY

CLOTHING SALES STORES (AMCSS). ORDERING THROUGH THE ARMY SUPPLY SYSTEM OR PURCHASING ITEMS THROUGH AMCSS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THE PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR MEETS ARMY TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS. FAILURE TO PROCURE PROTECTIVE ITEMS THROUGH AUTHORIZED SOURCES PUTS SOLDIERS AT RISK.

6. (U) NOTE: THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT HAS SERIOUS SAFETY IMPLICATIONS AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CORRECTED. IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE IS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT THE POC'S LISTED BELOW.

7. (U) POC'S FOR THIS MESSAGE ARE MS. LYNN LEWIS, DSN 654-2500, COMMERCIAL 703 704-2500, E-MAIL: LYNN.M.LEWIS@US.ARMY.MIL AND MR. DAVID PHELPS, DSN 256-4145, COMMERCIAL 508 233-4145, EMAIL: DAVID.AARON.PHELPS@US.ARMY.MIL

8. (U) EXPIRATION DATE IS AUGUST 2020.